



city of
greenville

Media Advisory

CITY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DISTRACTED DRIVING BAN

WHO: Greenville City Council

WHAT: Public Hearing on Proposed Distracted Driving Ban

WHERE: City Council Chambers
10th Floor of City Hall
206 South Main Street

WHEN: Monday, January 13
5:30 p.m.

WHY: After several months of research and discussion, a committee comprised of City Council members, the City Manager, members of the Police Department and the City Attorney's office, and others has proposed a ban on the use of cell phones and other hand-held devices for texting, talking, e-mailing, viewing websites, etc. while driving within the city limits of Greenville. The proposed ban includes exceptions for emergencies and first responders. It also permits devices to be used if they can be done so "hands free," which would enable most drivers to use the GPS function of their device while driving. The proposed ban includes a graduated penalty system. A first offense would carry a maximum penalty of \$100, a second offense would carry a maximum penalty of \$200 and a third offense would carry a maximum penalty of \$300 and the potential for the court to seize the offender's device.

Prior to moving forward, City Council is seeking input from anyone who lives, works or attends school in the city, as well as those who visit the city for shopping, dining, recreation and entertainment or to conduct business. At the public hearing, citizens will have an opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed ban. Before taking any formal action, City Council will review and assess the input received. If a proposed ordinance goes to City Council, the public will have two additional opportunities to provide input at the First and Second Readings.

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